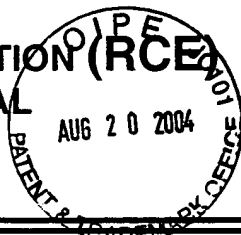


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application No.	09/738,686
Filing Date	December 15, 2000
First Named Inventor	Douglas E. Crafts
Art Unit	2839
Examiner Name	Thanh Tam T. Le
Attorney Docket Number	42390P10312

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other Copies of the five cited references
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other: (\$00) _____
 - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 enclosed
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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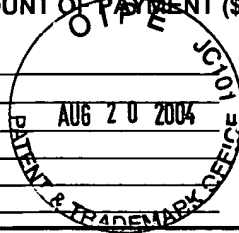
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Application No. 09/738,686Filing Date December 15, 2000First Named Inventor Douglas E. CraftsExaminer Name Thanh Tam T. LeArt Unit 2839Attorney Docket No. 42390P10312☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.**METHOD OF PAYMENT** (check all that apply)☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None☒ Deposit AccountDeposit Account Number : 02-2666Deposit Account Name: Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman☒ The Director is Authorized to do the following with respect to the above-identified Deposit Account:☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below.☒ Credit any overpayments.☒ Charge any additional fees during the pendency of this application.☒ Any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time should be treated as incorporating an appropriate petition for extension of time and all required fees should be charged.☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below except for the filing fee.**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Code	Fee (\$)	Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility application filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design application filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional application filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					<u>\$ 0.00</u>

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

			<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee from below</u>	<u>Fee Paid</u>
Total Claims	<u>18</u>	- 20** =	<u>0</u>	X <u>\$18.00</u>	= <u>\$0.00</u>
Independent Claims	<u>3</u>	- 3** =	<u>0</u>	X <u>\$86.00</u>	= <u>\$0.00</u>
Multiple Dependent					=

**Or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below.

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) \$ 0.00

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

<u>Large Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee Paid</u>
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<u>Code</u>	<u>(\$)</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>(\$)</u>		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	_____
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	_____
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	_____
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	_____
1813	8,800	1813	8,800	Request for inter parties reexamination	_____
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	_____
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	_____
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	_____
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	_____
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	_____
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	_____
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	_____
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	_____
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	_____
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	_____
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	_____
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	_____
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	_____
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	_____
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	_____
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	_____
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	_____
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	_____
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	_____
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	_____
1809	770	2809	385	For filing a submission after final rejection (see 37 CFR 1.129(a))	_____
1814	110	2814	55	Statutory Disclaimer	_____
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (see 37 CFR 1.129(b))	_____
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	<u>\$770.00</u>
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	_____
1504	300	1504	300	Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal pub.	_____
1505	300	1505	300	Publication fee for republication	_____
1803	130	1803	130	Request for voluntary publication or republication	_____
1808	130	1808	130	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) (except provisionals)	_____
1454	1,330	1454	1,330	Acceptance of unintentionally delayed claim for priority	_____

Other fee (specify) _____

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In re Application of:

Douglas E. Crafts

Serial No: 09/738,686

Filed: December 15, 2002

For: Alignment of Fiber Optic Bundle To
Array Waveguide Using Pins



Examiner: Le, Thanh Tam T

Art Unit: 2839

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Notice Of Allowance mailed May 18, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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